

REMARKS

Pending in the present application are claims 1-31, of which claims 1, 12, 21, and 29 are independent claims. In the Office Action mailed on March 15, 2006, claims 1-20 and 29-31 are allowed, claim 25 is objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, and claims 21-24 and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. The Office Action further acknowledged that in view of the fact that generic claims have been found allowable, the species requirement set forth in the January 5, 2006 Office Action is withdrawn.

In the present Amendment, claims 21-28 are amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Applicants believe claims 21-28 now describe the present invention in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the same. Applicants further believe amended claims 21-28 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Amended independent claim 21 specifies that the main pole is formed at least in part of a first magnetic material and the return pole is formed at least in part of a second magnetic material, where the first and second magnetic materials are different. Claims 22-28 depend from claim 21 and have been amended to accord with amended claim 21. For example, claim 24 now specifies that it is the first magnetic material that exhibits a high magnetic moment and a saturation flux density greater than about one Tesla. Applicants believe claims 21-28 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION


Applicants believe the present application containing claims 1-31 is in condition for allowance.

Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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